

REMARKS

Status

Applicant thanks Examiner Abdalla for the professional courtesies extended in the telephonic interview held with Applicant's counsel wherein the application's claims of priority was briefly discussed.

In the Office Action mailed March 17, 2009, Claims 1-4 and 6-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7, 009,995, issued to Bohrer et al. ("*Bohrer*") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 20040121737, of Schilling et al. ("*Schilling*"); and, Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bohrer* in view of *Schilling* and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 20050127869, of Calhoon et al. ("*Calhoon*").

By this reply, no claims have been amended, canceled, or added. As such, Claims 1-22 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections

In accordance with the telephone interview, Applicant herein submits a certified English translation of this application's priority document. As such, this application is entitled to the filing date of September 29, 2003. *Schilling's* earliest priority date is September 29, 2003, which is not before this application's effective filing date. *Schilling* therefore is not prior art to this application.

Thus, any combination of the remaining prior art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest its modification to render Applicant's claims obvious. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections of the pending claims be removed and all claims be allowed to issue.

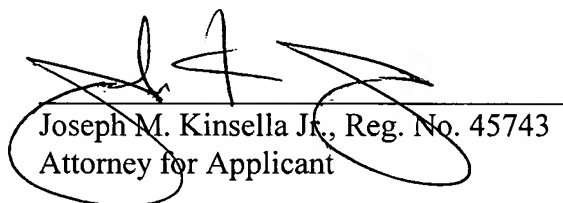
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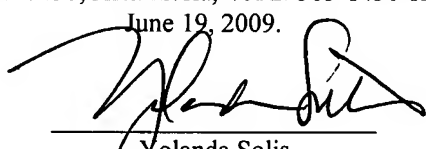
Based on the above reasoning, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and as such all objections and rejections to the Application be removed.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the above, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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<p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope Addressed to: Mail Stop-Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 19, 2009.</p> <p> Yolanda Solis</p>